



2012 Martin L. King Jr. Holiday



More than 200 people celebrated the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering their time to help with natural resources and maintenance projects at Valley Forge National Historical Park on Monday, January 16, 2012. This was the seven consecutive years that Valley Forge NHP celebrated the MLK Day, the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service. People came from as far as New Jersey to join park staff and partners conduct several preservation projects.



The park thanks all those who volunteered to make the holiday a "day on, not a day off" – The Vanguard Group, Independence Blue Cross Blue Shield, Royal Bank of America, Johnson and Johnson, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary College, Valley Forge Military Academy & College, Student Conservation Association, Friends of Valley Forge Park, Boy Scout of America Troop 419, the Network of Volunteer Associates (NOVA), and scores of individual volunteers.

Volunteers Accomplished:

- Protected over 100 trees by cutting invasive vines
- Garden bed and landscape maintenance at Visitor Center Area
- Removed limbs and debris from drainage features from 3 miles of trails
- Removed 2000 wreaths from the National Memorial Arch
- Painted selected areas within Washington's Headquarters Building
- Conducted a thorough cleaning in the park's theater, the Washington's Headquarters train station, Furnace House and Lower Visitor Center restrooms



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